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'AGE IN ACTION SUNDAY' IS MAY 4

NEW YORK -- The congregations of the Episcopal Church will have the opportunity to observe Age in Action Sunday on May 4 as a "celebration and interpretation of the ministry of age."

The Church's General Convention last fall in Denver adopted a resolution which requested the Presiding Bishop to designate one Sunday in May each year as a "Celebration of Age in Action," followed by a week of special recognition of those of advanced years.

Sponsored by the Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging, the celebration "seeks to remind us of the special needs and special talents brought to us by the senior members of our community," said Presiding Bishop John M. Allin.

In a letter to congregations and parishioners, Bishop Allin said, "It is my hope that this concern will be noted in all places by all persons and that the whole Church will join me in giving thanks to God for these persons and for the privilege of ministering to them and with them."

The General Convention resolution calls on the Church to "affirm the contributions that older adults make to the life of the institutional church." Each congregation has been asked "to recognize and utilize the contributions of its older members."

The Society for Ministry on Aging has prepared and distributed to parishes a packet of materials which contains many liturgical and educational suggestions for observing the day.

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PICTURE CAPTION

80091 May 4 is 'Age in Action Sunday' in the Episcopal Church -- "a time to explore your own aging." Sponsored by the Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging, the day is an opportunity for Episcopalians to "affirm the contributions that older adults make to the life of the institutional church" and for "each congregation to recognize and utilize the contributions of its older members." Presiding Bishop John M. Allin has urged all congregations and individuals to remember "the special needs and special talents brought to us by the senior members of our community."

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